Statement

Details of the sick/closed public sector fertilizer companies

I. Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCIL).

Date of Incorporation : 1.1.1961

Date of Re-organisation : 1.4.1978

Declared sick since : 1992

Unit-wise details of FCIL

Name of Unit	Date of commissioning	Date of shutdown	Govt. decision to close down
Sindri	1979	March, 2002	5.9.2002
Gorakhpur	1969	1990	18.7.2002
Talcher	1980	1.4.1999	18.7.2002
Ramagundam	1980	1.4.1999	18.7.2002
Korba Project	Not Commissioned	Not Applicable	30.7.2002

II. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL).

Date of Incorporation : 1.4.1978 (By re-organisation of FCIL)

Declared sick since : 1992

Unit-wise details of FCIL

Name of Unit	Date of commissioning	Date of shutdown	Govt. decision to close down
Barauni	1976	1999	5.9.2002
Durgapur	1974	1997	5.9.2002
Haldia Project	Not Commissioned	Not Applicable	18.7.2002

III. Madras Fertilizer Limited

Date of Incorporation : December, 1966

Registered with BIFR since : 2007

The Company has only one unit at Manali, Chennai which is presently functioning.

Overcharging on drugs

801. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), as per their nationwide survey, has found that drug makers are overcharging or selling hundreds of drugs without price approval;

(b) if so, the details of drug companies found involved in overcharging and selling without price approval in the last two years;

(c) whether Government/NPPA have contemplated any action against such drug companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Since the inception of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in August 1997, NPPA has raised a total demand of Rs. 1626.51 crores (up to 15.10.08) for recovery towards overcharged amount in 585 cases, under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995) read with Essential Commodities Act, 1955. NPPA has recovered Rs.131.72 crores so far (upto 15.10.08) from defaulting companies. NPPA continues to take appropriate action regularly for recovery of the overcharged amount. In some cases the recovery is affected, due to orders from the Hon'ble High Courts and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and cases presently sub-judice in Courts.

Talcher fertilizer plants

802. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been achieved in the revival of coal based fertilizer plants at Talcher in Orissa and Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a decision has been taken to sell off these units; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the Government's decision to examine the feasibility of revival of the closed units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) subject to the confirmed availability of gas, various options for revival of the closed units including the coal based Talcher unit in Orissa and Ramagundam unit in Andhra Pradesh are being looked into by the Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Re-opening of Durgapur and Haldia units

803. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Durgapur and Haldia units of closed fertilizer factories will be re-opening soon;

(b) if so, the details thereof, unit-wise;

(c) whether management boards have been set up for these units;